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SENATE BILL 450

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLICLY OWNED VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES THAT MEET CORPORATE AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 13-1B-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 58, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"13-1B-3. ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES--EXEMPTIONS.--

A. Seventy-five percent of vehicles acquired in fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter by the agencies and departments of state government and educational institutions shall be vehicles that ~~[are capable of operating on alternative fuel or]~~:

(1) meet or exceed the corporate average fuel economy standards for vehicles issued by the national highway

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1 transportation safety administration of the United States
2 department of transportation;

3 (2) are gas-electric hybrid vehicles
4 [~~Vehicles~~]; or

5 (3) are capable of operating on alternative
6 fuel [~~may have~~] with either bi-fuel capability or dedicated
7 engine configurations.

8 B. Certified law enforcement pursuit vehicles and
9 emergency vehicles are exempt from the provisions of the
10 Alternative Fuel Acquisition Act. The department may exempt
11 additional vehicles from the requirements of Subsection A of
12 this section upon demonstration by the acquiring entity that:

13 (1) a vehicle that meets the corporate average
14 fuel economy standards is not suitable for its intended use or
15 is unavailable from an original vehicle manufacturer;

16 [~~(1)~~] (2) alternative fuels are unavailable at
17 a cost within fifteen percent of the cost of conventional fuel
18 within the normal driving range of these vehicles; or

19 [~~(2)~~] (3) a vehicle suitable for its intended
20 use and capable of operating on alternative fuel or a gas-
21 electric hybrid is not available from an original equipment
22 manufacturer.

23 C. Equipment and installation procedures shall
24 conform to all applicable state and federal safety and
25 environmental regulations and standards.

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